

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2948 - HB 3237

February 13, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the fee charged by a Court Clerk for opening and closing an estate from \$225 to \$230. Increases the filing fee for small estate affidavits from \$36 to \$41. Adds "trust" to the definition of "person" relative to probating an estate. Adds specifications to the creditor notice form. Requires claims that have been finally adjudged and allowed to be paid after the expiration of the date on which the personal representative could file and exception to the claim, rather than five months after such date. Authorizes the disclosure of information released by a health care provider to an insurance company for the sole purpose of enabling the insurance company to determine the benefits to be paid. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for filing a false certification to a health care provider for the purpose of obtaining the release of information.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, implementing the technical changes required by this bill will not impact the caseloads of the state trial and appellate courts.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- There will not be a sufficient increase in the collection of fees for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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